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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application. 1.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

policants respectfully submit this supplemental amendment and request that the application be reconsidered in view thereof.

<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

se amend claims 1, 2, 22, 23, 25, and 29 to read as follows. A marked up

version of the amended claims is attached hereto.

(Twice amended) A method for facilitating evaluation, in connection

with the procurement or delivery of products or services, in at least one of (i) a